Dasara subjects may be allowed to be discussed. Only a few subjects need be discussed at the special session.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.—The session may be commenced earlier than now, say, on the *Ekadasi*; ort he holidays may be extended.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 275.

Election of members to the Representative Assembly.

Mr. S. Dasappa, Bangalore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Members of the Assembly who are elected by the Local and Municipal Boards and Associations and whose tenure lasts only for a year may be given an opportunity of sending in supplementary subjects, as they have only a very short time to prepare their representations after their election.

(2) The election from these bodies may be directed to be made earlier, *i.e.*, in the month of June (*Vaisakha* or *Jyeshta*) every year.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 276.

Rules for election of members to the Representative Assembly.

Messrs. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality; M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk; Krishnachar and Veene Rangaswami Iyengar, Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—*Pattas* stand in the name of one individual though the lands therein mentioned will have all been sold to different persons or will have been assigned to different members of the family. The payment of the prescribed amount of land revenue, as owners of lands, must therefore be a primary qualification for voting and election to the Representative Assembly in preference to the nominal holding of the *patta*.

The rules of 1894 do not insist upon the registry being in the name of a candidate. On the other hand, Section 1 (*a*) and Section 3 (*a*) say that "every person who pays on his account annually to Government land revenue, etc." The words "on his account" do not refer to the holding of the *khate* but to the payment of revenue on his own behalf and not as agent or servant of the *khatedar*. But in some of the taluks, the words "on his account" are interpreted to mean as "registered holder" or *khatedar* and thus many persons who pay *kandayam* on their own account are omitted from the list of candidates qualified for voting and election, and the names of persons who do not own any land and therefore pay no *kandayam* and who may not even be alive are mentioned in the lists simply because *khate* stands in their names. This anomaly may be remedied by issuing a rule directing the local officers to include in the lists the names of persons, though not *pattadars*, who pay assessment on their own behalf as owners.

Mr. Venkatasamaiya.—In the case of joint families, lands are registered in the name of the eldest member of the family. The other members have therefore no chance of being elected.

Reply of Government.—Noted.